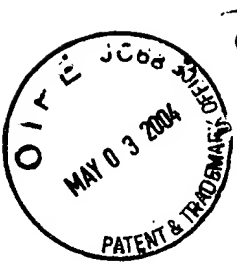


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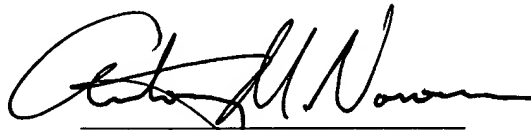
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The inventor, the person most knowledgeable about the content of the references, confirmed the accuracy of the following concise statements regarding foreign-language art, to the undersigned representative.

EP0206312 provides a lavatory bowl that has an inner space which is rinsed by a water flush, and an odour trap that closes off the inner space at the bottom.

EP0507687 provides a urine-separating toilet with separation wall in which the weight of a user controls the opening of a valve that gives access to a pipe for discharging urine.

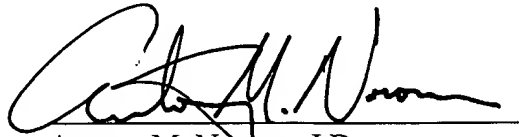
FR2674881 provides a urine-separating toilet with separation wall in which the weight of a user controls the opening of a valve that gives access to a pipe for discharging the urine.

WO9943898 provides a crescent-shaped interior component of a urine-separating toilet that can be installed as an accessory in a conventional toilet.

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